

***Amendments to the Claims***

1. (original) A method for detecting a biopolymer in a matrix, comprising:
  - (a) contacting the matrix with a sensitizing reagent comprising one or more optionally substituted heteroaromatic compounds;
  - (b) contacting the matrix with one or more reduceable metal salts to stain said biopolymer; and
  - (c) detecting the stained biopolymer.
  
2. - 40. (canceled)